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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BERLIN LOCATION FOR GERMAN CULTURAL  
FOUNDATION

REFS: (A) USBER 385; (B) USBER 380; (C) BONN 3006

1. RESPONDING TO ALLIED QUESTIONS, FRG REP (HENZE)  
HAS SUPPLIED MORE INFORMATION ON PROPOSED GERMAN  
CULTURAL FOUNDATION (DKS). IN MARCH 3 BONN GROUP  
MEETING, HENZE EMPHASIZED THAT QUESTION OF DKS LOCATION  
HAD NOT YET EVEN BEEN DISCUSSED IN BUND-LAENDER  
DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT CONSIDER  
PRESENT DISCUSSION OF DKS IN BONN GROUP AS CONSULTATIONS  
BUT AS "INFORMAL" REQUEST FOR VIEWS "ON PERSONAL BASIS."  
RESPONDING TO A QUESTION, HENZE SAID THAT ALLIED VIEWS  
WOULD BE FORMALLY SOUGHT BEFORE ANY DECISION WERE TAKEN  
WHICH WOULD RESULT IN ESTABLISHMENT OF DKS IN  
BERLIN.

2. HENZE CONFIRMED THAT PRESENT FRG BUDGET CONTAINS  
DM 12 MILLION FOR A DKS. REGARDING FUNCTIONS OF DKS,  
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HENZE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN DRAFT CHARTER FROM FRG

INTERIOR MINISTRY, BUT HE COULD NOW ADD THE FOLLOWING  
TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON FEB. 17 (REF C):

-- BASIC PURPOSE OF DKS WILL BE TO SUPPORT  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND WORKS OF GERMAN CULTURE AND NEW  
DEVELOPMENTS AND FORMS IN GERMAN ART.

-- DKS WILL SUPPORT ONLY SPECIFIC PROJECTS (E.G.,  
EXHIBITS, FESTIVALS, MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES OF ARTISTS)  
AND NOT INSTITUTIONS;

-- DKS WILL HELP PURCHASE WORKS OF GERMAN ART TO  
ENSURE THEIR RETENTION IN GERMANY;

-- DKS WILL HELP YOUNG GERMAN ARTISTS TO BECOME  
BETTER KNOWN ABROAD; AND

-- DKS WILL BE CHARGED WITH CARING FOR EAST  
GERMAN CULTURAL WORKS.

3. COMMENT: HENZE'S REMARKS ABOUT NON-CONSULTATION  
NATURE OF PRESENT DISCUSSIONS IN BONN GROUP WERE IN  
RESPONSE TO A BRITISH STATEMENT EXPRESSING HOPES THAT  
THERE WOULD NOT BE PRESS LEAKS FROM FRG SIDE TO EFFECT  
THAT ALLIES OPPOSE LOCATION OF DKS IN BERLIN (UK REP  
WAS, OF COURSE, REFERRING TO EVENTS LAST WEEK RE BUNDES-  
TAG PRESIDUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS). HENZE ASSURED  
REPS OF DISCRETION ON FRG SIDE. HE SAID ONLY A VERY  
FEW PEOPLE WITHIN FRG GOVERNMENT KNEW THAT DKS WAS  
BEING DISCUSSED IN BONN GROUP. HENZE ALSO REMINDED  
UK REP THAT PRESS LEAK DISCUSSED BY BONN GROUP ON  
JAN. 26 (PARA 6, REF C) HAD CLEARLY ORIGINATED AT BMG  
BERLIN. WE BELIEVE FRG HAS CAST DISCUSSION IN THIS  
WAY TO PERMIT THEIR PRESS SPOKESMAN TO ANSWER "NO" IF  
ASKED WHETHER THE ALLIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON LOCATION  
OF DKS.

4. WE GATHER FROM REF A AND B AND FROM REPORT OF RECENT  
CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN HERZ AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS THAT  
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS (AS OPPOSED TO FORMAL BUND-  
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LAENDER CONSULTATIONS) OF LOCATING THE DKS IN BERLIN  
ARE RATHER WELL ADVANCED. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT, AS  
SOON AS THE LAENDER HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT AMONG  
THEMSELVES, THERE WILL BE A LEAK AND CONSEQUENT PRESSURE  
UPON THE ALLIES FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE POSITION.  
WE HAVE THUS URGED SPEED ON THE FRG REP IN PROVIDING  
ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON THE PROPOSED FUNCTIONS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DKS. END COMMENT.

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